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## VIA REGULAR MAIL

Mr. Frank Sanders
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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RE: Samsung Electronics America, Inc. ("SEA")

Dear Mr. Sanders:

You are no doubt aware of the discussions we have had with members of the Antimicrobial Division regarding SEA's recently introduced washing machine with SilverCare, a cold water sanitizing technology that relies upon silver and electrolysis to sanitize clothing. Consistent with guidance provided by the Antimicrobial Division, the washer is being marketed as a pesticide device in compliance with the EPA's FIFRA regulations on pesticidal devices, including being produced at an EPA-registered establishment and bearing a label on the device itself and on the packaging giving the EPA Establishment Number. The washer is also registered as a device or has been given temporary clearance in each state that requires device registration. In addition, all states have been notified of its impending introduction and have been provided with information regarding its operation and silver effluent levels. States were also informed of its FIFRA status and provided a contact who could answer any questions they might have.

As we understand that recent correspondence with the EPA may refer to claims for this washer that are not being made by SEA, we wanted to take this opportunity to clarify SEA's compliance with FIFRA. Specifically, the only pesticidal claim SEA is currently making for the device in the United States relates to the ability of the silver released by the device to sanitize clothing in cold water. SEA is aware that similar machines are manufactured by SEA's parent company. Samsung Electronics Company, Ltd. ("SEC"), for sale in other parts of the world and that claims can be found on internet web sites originating from these countries that are different than those made by SEA.

SEA greatly appreciates the advice and assistance extended by the Antimicrobial Division during the development of this product. SEA intends to continue this beneficial working relationship with the EPA for this and other products in the future.

Very truly yours,

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